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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS

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1. EMBOFF MET AUGUST 30 WITH MIGUEL LOZADA OF MEXICAN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (AND SYNTHETIC TEXTILE INDUSTRY ADVISOR TO GOM TEXTILE DELEGATION DURING APRIL AND JUNE BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS). EMBOFF REITERATED TO LOZADA POINTS MADE EARLIER TO GARRIDO AND TO COMMERCE SUB-SECRETARY HECTOR HERNANDEZ ON NEED FOR GREATER GOM NEGOTIATING FLEXIBILITY ON TEXTILES IN ORDER TO MAKE HEADWAY ON NEW BILATERAL AGREEMENT. LOZADA SAID GARRIDO HAD BEEN HOLDING COMBINED MEETINGSOF MEXICAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY ADVISORS IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT AGREED GOM POSITION FOR RESUMED BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS, AND THAT AT ONE RECENT MEETING GARRIDO REPORTED TO INDUSTRY ADVISORS ON EMBASSY APPROACHES TO HIM AND TO HERNANDEZ ON NEED FOR GREATER MEXICAN NEGOTIATING FLEXIBILITY. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT DEVULGE FIGURES, LOZADA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SAID THAT GOM-MEXICAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY MEETINGS HAD RESULTED IN AGREEMENT ON LOWER LEVELS FOR SEVERAL TEXTILE CATEGORIES ON WHICH US AND MEXICO STILL APART, AND THAT MEETINGS WOULD CONTINUE.

2. LOZADA ALSO SAID THAT GARRIDO AND OTHERS ARE ENGAGED IN REVIEWING AMALGAMATED CLOTHING AND TEXTILE WORKERS

UNION COUNTERVAILING DUTY PETITION AGAINST MEXICO, AND IN DEVELOPING RESPONSE TO CHARGES MADE IN AMALGAMATED PETITION. LOZADA ADDED THAT ALFREDO GUTIERREZ OF MEXICAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON IS ALSO VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO AMALGAMATED PETITION. GUTIERREZ CURRENTLY IS IN MEXICO CITY AND WILL BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON THIS WEEKEND. LUCEY

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